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*Whereas, Between January 2000 and January 2004, Indiana lost approximately 102,000 manufacturing jobs;*

*Whereas, Manufacturing results in three to seven jobs created for each manufacturing job;*

*Whereas, Free trade agreements and policies of the United States with other nations have severely affected United States manufacturing industries and the workers the industries employ;*

*Whereas, Participation by the United States in international trade organizations may imperil the success of United States manufacturing;*

*Whereas, Foreign nations, such as China, have engaged in a wide range of unfair trading practices, including the manipulation of currency, subsidization of industries, and the dumping of below-cost subsidized products into the United States market;*

*Whereas, United States manufacturers cannot compete with foreign companies who pay a fraction of the salaries paid to United States manufacturing employees, provide no health*



*benefits to their workers, do not have to comply with safety and environmental regulations, pay no pensions, and receive government subsidies; and*

*Whereas, The citizens of Indiana are harmfully affected by trade agreements and policies between the United States and foreign nations, resulting in the closing of many Indiana manufacturing industries, which negatively affects our families, our communities, and the state when thousands of workers lose their jobs: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the Congress
- 2 of the United States to place a moratorium on all new trade agreements,
- 3 to investigate and review all current free trade agreements and policies
- 4 of the United States, to investigate and review participation of the
- 5 United States in international trade organizations, and to ensure that the
- 6 agreements, policies, and participation are in the best interests of the
- 7 citizens of the Indiana and the United States.
- 8       SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
- 9 Secretary of the Senate to the President of the United States, members
- 10 of the Congress of the United States, the presiding officers of each
- 11 house of Congress, and each member of the Indiana congressional
- 12 delegation.

